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BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF

NEW MEXICO.

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1907.

OFFICERS

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO.

1906.

President	Hon. L. Bradford Prince, LL. D.
Vice President	Hon. William J. Mills.
Recording Secretary	William M. Berger.
Corresponding Secretary	Bertha Staab.
Treasurer	Max. Frost.
Curator	Henry Woodruff

LIFE MEMBERS.

1881
William G. Ritch.*

1883
L. Bradford Prince, LL. D.

1885
William H. Griffin.*

1887
Francisco A. Manzanares.*

1889
L P. Browne.*
Jefferson Raynolds.
Ruel M. Johnson.*
William A. Vincent.
Wilson Waddingham.*
Mariano S. Otero.*
Nicolas T. Armijo.*
Angus A. Grant.*
Joshua S. Raynolds.
Wm. C. Hazeldine.*
Numa Reymond
Russell Marcy.

1890
Pedro Y. Jaramillo.*
Jose E Chavez.
Samuel P Foster.*
Gustav Billing *
Eutimio Montoya

1890
Thomas B. Catron.
J. Pablo Gallegos.*
Chas. H. Gildersleeve.
Mariano Barela.*
C. H. Dane.
Walter C. Hadley *

1891
H. B Fergusson.
Charles B. Eddy.
Abram Staab
W. A. Hawkins.
Mrs Louisa Bristol.
Frank Springer.
Rufus J. Palen.

1892
William T. Thornton.
Richard Mansfield White.

1895
Thomas Lowthian.*

1896
Antonio Joseph.
Felipe Chaves.*
Henry C. Carter.

1902
William M. Berger.
Solomon Spiegelberg.

* Deceased.

REPORT.

The past two years have been marked by continued prosperity. The aid granted by the Legislature has enabled the Society to secure articles of historic interest and value, as they have been presented, the collections in all branches have been increased, and the public interest has been shown by the number of persons, from home and abroad, visiting the rooms of the Society in the Palace at Santa Fe.

During the year 1905 two thousand visitors registered in the library and in 1906 this number was increased to about 2,200. Residents, and those visiting the rooms more than once, very seldom register, so that the actual visitors are calculated to be three times the number of registrations. This gives us 6,000 as the number of visitors in 1905 and 6,600 in 1906.

OFFICERS.

The only change among the officers of the Society during the past two years has been in the position of corresponding secretary. Mr. W. H. Bartlett being about to remove from Santa Fe, declined re-election in 1905, and Miss Bertha Staab was chosen to fill the position.

OBITUARY.

During the past two years only one of those to whom the Society is especially indebted has died. We mourn the loss of Don Felipe Chaves, who was always interested in our work and showed that interest substantially. On two occasions when it was necessary to raise money for specific purposes,—in 1890, for the purchase of the Cole collection, and in 1896 for securing the Heister collection of excavated pottery, from western Socorro County,—Mr. Chaves came to the aid of the Society, on the first occasion, with characteristic modesty, naming his son, Jose E. Chaves, as a life member instead of himself.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The Society held two public meetings during the last session of the Legislature, in the chamber of the House of Representatives, the use of which was courteously permitted by special resolutions of the House. These meetings were on the evenings of February 27 and March 6, 1905, and were very well attended. Papers were read or addresses made by President Tight of the University of New Mexico, Professor Hadley, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Professor Hodgin, Judge A. J. Abbott, Colonel R. E. Twitchell, Hon. B. M. Read, Hon. Nestor Montoya, Hon. Jacobo Chaves, Hon. C. A. Dalies, President Prince, and others, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

PUBLICATIONS.

One of the most interesting acquisitions during the last two years, was a copy of the Funeral Oration preached in the Cathedral of the City of Mexico, March 20, 1681, on the death of the twenty-one Franciscan Friars killed by the Pueblo Indians in the Revolution of 1680. The pamphlet was secured in Santiago de Chile, and a translation into English was published by the Society early in 1906, under the title "The Franciscan Martyrs of 1680;" being No. 7 of the publications of the Society.

No. 8 was published in December, 1906, and is entitled "The Defeat of the Comanches in 1717." It was written by Hon. Amado Chaves, late Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the New Mexico Legislature, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

GIFTS.

In the last biennial report reference was made to the exhibit of this Society at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904. The most noticeable feature in the New Mexico Building at that Exposition was the magnificent collection of photographs illustrating all localities, all branches of business and all historic objects in the Territory, which was bound in eight elegant volumes.

At the conclusion of the Exposition, by vote of the Board of Managers, this unique collection was presented to the Society and will be a conspicuous feature whenever we are able to arrange our exhibits properly. The same board also donated the visitor's register used in the New Mexico Building at the Exposition, in three large volumes.

In 1906, through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Seligman, chairman of the County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, the Society

became the possessor of the great iron door of the old county jail. This is a massave affair, six feet high by four feet wide, made from tires which bear the marks of their original use. It makes a suitable companion to the old jail door from Las Vegas, smaller, but no less interesting, which was presented to the Society a short time before by Mr. Charles Ilfeld, who became the purchaser of the old court house and jail when they were abandoned.

When the Military Reservation, so long occupied by the army headquarters of the district, and the post of Fort Marcy, were turned over by the United States Government to the School Board of Santa Fe, there were a number of iron cannon on the property, which had been planted in various localities as appropriate military ornaments. After the School Board took possession, the President of the Society made application to that body for two of these cannon to be placed in front of the entrance to the Historical Rooms in the Palace. The Board promptly acceded to this request, and on March 8, 1906, the relics memorable for their use in war as well as for their connection with the Military Reservation, were firmly planted in the place designated. The one on the westerly side had been stationed in front of the commanding officers head quarters, on Lincoln Avenue near the corner of Palace Avenue, and the other was at the main entrnace to the cavalry quarters, on Washington Avenue, near opposite the Palace Hotel.

Numerous books and pamphlets have been received which merit the thanks of the Society, and the following territorial newspapers are received regularly:

Daily New Mexican, Santa Fe; Daily Optic, Las Vegas; Daily Citizen, Albuquerque; Colfax County Stockman, Springer; The Range, Raton; La Luz, Espanola; Western Liberal, Lordsburg.

ACQUISITIONS BY PURCHASE.

These have been more valuable and interesting than ever before; and they have been of a very varied character.

MANUSCRIPTS. Reference was made in our last report to the papers of Hon. Donaciano Vigil, first secretary and subsequently Governor of the Territory. The last of these were obtained early in the spring of 1905.

This collection proved to be of far greater value than was supposed at the time of the purchase. Governor Vigil was a man who carefully preserved every paper coming into his possession from his youth to the end of his life. For many years he was con-

nected with the military company stationed at El Vado, in San Miguel County, that being the only post east of the Rocky Mountains. Representing that period, the documents contain three commissions, as second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain, issued to Donaciano Vigil; and numerous rosters of troops and other papers, some of which are of great interest.

The papers connected with the American occupation are, however, those of greatest value, and the Society is to be congratulated most heartily on their acquisition.

Among others, there is the original prcolamation issued by Governor Armijo, as he left Santa Fe to meet the American invaders, and signed by the Governor. Next in order, comes a copy of a letter sent by Acting Governor Vigil y Alarid, on August 18, 1846, to General Kearny, then but a few miles from the city, stating the fears and excitement of the people, and asking that special consideration be shown by the troops, in order to allay this feeling. Next comes the original proclamation or address by General Kearny on taking possession of Santa Fe, on the morning of August 19. This is followed by the original draft of the reply to above address, made by Acting Governor Vigil y Alarid, accepting the sovereignty of the United States, and pledging the loyalty of the people to the government.

These four original documents cover the official proceedings connected with the annexation and may be said to be of priceless value.

There are many documents connected with the Taos Revolt, including Governor Bent's proclamation as he left Santa Fe on his fatal journey.

Also a very large collection of correspondence with leading men of New Mexico during the first years of the American occupation, giving an inside view of the sentiment of the people. The collection also contains a number of specimens of the earliest printing and first newspapers in New Mexico.

BOOKS Large additions have been made to the library of the Society. The uniform policy to confine the library to works relating to New Mexico and the surrounding sections of country or illustrating its archaeology has been adhered to; and the collection is now rapidly becoming the best for reference on these subjects in the Southwest.

The list of these books is not published here, as it is intended to issue a catalogue, as soon as sufficient accommodations are obtained in the Palace for the proper arrangement of the library.

HISTORIC ARTICLES. Constant additons are being made, as suitable specimens are presented, to the various departments referred to in the report of 1904. The collection of Pueblo pottery has been greatly enlarged by high grade specimens.

The collections of Indian ornaments has been enriched by the acquisition of some fine strings of turquoise beads and other articles.

The "Industrial collection" has received constant additions and is now very complete.

The Pueblo Indian exhibit has been much improved; a large ceremonial drum and an extensive variety of "tablas" and wands used in ceremonial dances, being a portion of the additions.

The collection of photographs of officials of the Territory is receiving constant additions which in time will render it quite perfect. Recourse is frequently made to this collections by publishers desiring copies for illustration.

Among articles of peculiar historic interest may be mentioned a large water-color painting of Santa Fe made by Anthony Kellner, of the 5th Cavalry, U. S. A., Sept. 15, 1866. The painting is 31 by 18 in size and gives a bird's eye view of the entire city as it then existed, from a hillside on the north; and also has separate views of the Palace, Parroquia, San Miguel Church, Guadalupe Church, Protestant Church, and Military Hospital. It was obtained in Illinois, and affords an accurate view of Santa Fe at that time, which does not otherwise exist.

INCREASED ROOM NECESSARY.

The increasing collections of the Society are making the necessity for additional room more and more apparent. In fact none of the latter acquisitions have been arranged at all because it was impossible to do so properly.

Heretofore the various articles have been exhibited together, without any classification; but the time has come when a systematic arrangement must be made, both for convenience of exhibition and for the credit of the Territory. The value of a collection is estimated fully as much by its proper arrangement and installation as by the intrinsic worth of the articles exhibited.

The articles coming within the scope of the work of this Society may be classified as follows:

(1) Prehistoric Before the Spanish discovery.
(2) Aboriginal Relating to the Pueblo and other Indians.
(3) Spanish and Mexican, 1598 to 1846.
(4) American, since 1846.
(5) Books, manuscripts and pictures.

(6) Mineral exhibit.

Each of these should have its appropriate room and be separate from the others. Only by such classifications can the collections be usefully studied or satisfactorily exhibited.

The Palace is admitted by all to be the appropriate home of the Society. That is the most appropriate use to which that structure can possibly be put, and in time it will, no doubt, be exclusively occupied in this manner. It is, itself, the most historic building in the United States, and all the historic associations of the Southwest cluster around it.

At the present time a satisfactory display of the Society's collections can be made by devoting the eastern half of the Palace to that purpose. By the cutting of one door, all of that portion can be thrown into a single suite, easily cared for and guarded. The Society is ready to do its part in rendering the rooms as interesting and instructive as possible. As the Palace now belongs to the Territory it respectfully asks of the Legislature the additional space requested.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We desire to express our appreciation of the appropriations made for the benefit of the Society by the Leigslature at its last session. It has resulted in the acquisition of many important and unique objects which would otherwise have been lost to the Territory. It would be difficult to imagine a more satisfactory expenditure of public funds than in the formation of a permanent exhibition of every thing connected with the history of New Mexico.

We will be glad to receive as large an appropriation as the Legislature may think proper. Whatever it is, it will be expended with the greatest care and to the best advantage. The time and labor involved in the selection of historic objects, books and manuscripts, is gladly given without charge, as it is a labor of love.

L. BRADFORD PRINCE,
President
WILLIAM J. MILLS,
Vice President.
MAX. FROST,
Treasurer
WILLIAM M. BERGER,
Recording Secretary.
BERTHA STAAB,
Corresponding Secretary
HENRY WOODRUFF,
Curator.

Santa Fe, N. M., December 1, 1906.

The Honorable H. J. Hagerman, Governor of New Mexico.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit herewith Bi-ennial Report as Treasurer of the Historical Society of New Mexico, from December 1, 1904, to November 30, 1906, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

1904.		
Dec. 1.	Balance on hand	$ 302.95
1905.		
July 19.	Received on account of appropriation, contingent expense fund	380.00
July. 19.	Received on account of appropriation, purchase of relics, etc., fund	360.00
Nov. 30.	Received on account of appropriation, contingent expense fund	120.00
Nov. 30.	Received on account of appropriation, purchase of relics, etc., fund	139.28
1906.		
Nov. 30.	Received on account of appropriation, contingent expense fund	500.00
Nov. 30.	Received on account of appropriation, purchase of relics, etc., fund	500.00
		$2,302.23

EXPENDITURES.

CONTINGENT EXPENSE.

1905.			
Feb. 21.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 20	$ 10.00
Feb. 22.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 21	55.76
Mar. 16.	Capital Coal Yard	Voucher No. 23	36.00
Mar. 25.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 24	36.00
Apr. 21.	C. G. Kaadt	Voucher No. 28	18.50
June 22.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 29	24.00
July 26.	Mrs. John Koury	Voucher No. 34	15.00
July. 29.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 35	30.00
Aug. 11.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 36	10.00
Aug. 28.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 37	12.00
Aug. 28.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 38	6.00

Oct. 7.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 39	30.00
Dec. 28.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 42	8.00
Dec. 28.	Capital Coal Yard	Voucher No. 43	50.00
Dec. 28.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 44	20.00
Dec. 28.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 46	36.00
1906.			
Jan. 29.	Max. Frost, Treas.	Voucher No. 49	31.25
Mar. 17.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 50	30.00
May 31.	Jas. G. McNary, Pub. Ptr.	Voucher No. 55	52.53
May 31.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 56	5.00
July 30.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 57	39.00
Sept. 4.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 58	36.00
Nov. 1.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 65	24.00
Nov. 17.	Max. Frost, Treas.	Voucher No. 66	25.00
Nov. 17.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 67	6.00
Nov. 17.	New Mexican Printing Co.	Voucher No. 71	9.50
Nov. 28.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 74	24.72
			$ 680.26

RELICS, ETC.

1905.			
Jan. 19.	M. Vigil	Voucher No. 19	$ 50.00
Mar. 7.	Pedro Muniz	Voucher No. 22	2.00
Apr. 5.	C. G. Kaadt	Voucher No. 25	13.75
Apr. 17.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 26	4.00
Apr. 17.	Juan Olivas	Voucher No. 27	24.00
July 6.	M. Vigil	Voucher No. 30	15.00
July 6.	M. Vigil	Voucher No. 31	40.00
July 7.	A. F. Spiegelberg	Voucher No. 32	64.75
July 22.	W. H. Goebel	Voucher No. 33	3.00
Nov. 14.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 40	13.50
Dec. 1.	The Arthur H. Clarke Co.	Voucher No. 41	4.00
Dec. 28.	Francis P. Harper	Voucher No. 45	57.50
1906.			
Jan. 13.	M. Vigil	Voucher No. 47	25.00
Jan. 26.	Wells, Fargo Co.	Voucher No. 48	4.75
Apr. 18.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 51	19.55
Apr. 18.	Blake & Fiske (Mexico)	Voucher No. 52	9.00
May 10.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 53	25.00
May 10.	W. H. Goebel	Voucher No. 54	4.50
Oct. 17.	J. W. Bennett	Voucher No. 59	3.00
Oct. 17.	W. H. Goebel	Voucher No. 60	4.00

Oct. 17.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 61	16.12
Oct. 17.	A. F. Spiegelberg	Voucher No. 62	5.50
Oct. 17.	Mrs. C. H. Gildersleeve	Voucher No. 63	2.50
Oct. 17.	Juan Olivas	Voucher No. 64	14.50
Nov. 24.	J. S. Candelario	Voucher No. 68	37.00
Nov. 24.	A. F. Spiegelberg	Voucher No. 69	16.00
Nov. 24.	T. S. Dozier	Voucher No. 70	11.75
Nov. 24.	L. B. Prince	Voucher No. 72	16.80
Nov. 24.	Pierce & Zahn	Voucher No. 73	14.75
Nov. 30.	Henry Woodruff	Voucher No. 75	100.00
			$ 621.97
			680.26
	Total		$1,302.23
	Balance on hand		$1,000 00

Territory of New Mexico,)
)ss:
County of Santa Fe.)

This day personally appeared before me Max. Frost who, after first being duly sworn, declared on oath that he is the Treasurer of the Historical Society of New Mexico; that the above and foregoing three pages of typewriting are a true and correct report of the receipts and disbursements by him as such Treasurer of said Historical Society of New Mexico, for the time therein stated, to-wit: From December 1, 1904, to November 30, 1906, both dates inclusive. And further affiant saith not.

MAX. FROST.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1907.

JOHN K. STAUFFER,
Notary Public.

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